

UNIFIED ARIZONA VETERANS – July 1, 2006

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Unified Arizona Veterans was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with proper ceremonies by Chairman Bill Krause. The roll call was called; a quorum was established.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved by a motion from Mel Brody, seconded and carried. The Treasurer's report was accepted by a motion from Chuck Falk, seconded and carried.

Sickness & Distress: It was reported that Lencho Othon has had cataract surgery and is recovering.

Reports: Pat Chorpenning, ADVS Director, provided handouts regarding this year's legislative session. He reported that the latest figures indicate 654,000 veterans in Arizona. It is estimated that 52-54,000 of those veterans receive benefits.

A motion was made by Webb Ellis to endorse the use of resources from the Veterans Donation Fund to realize the Enduring Freedom Memorial, seconded and carried.

Bob Delker suggested support for the concept of elevating the head of the National Guard to a four-star General and providing a seat on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. There has been no activity of the Flag Amendment.

Sandy Flint, Phoenix VARO Director, reported that the stolen laptop computer with veterans' information has been recovered, and it appears that no information has been accessed. She also reported that the MOU is ready for signing.

Sue Colvin, Carl T. Hayden VAMC Patient Advocate, reported that a new Community Based Outpatient Clinic is open in Globe.

Presentation: Andy Dzurinko and Camelback Jack from KOOL 94FM gave a presentation and handout regarding the 15th Annual "Frank Kush Family & Dog Fun Run & Walk" that will be held October 14th at Tempe Town Lake. Veterans are encouraged to take part in this event which is sanctioned by the Governor's Council on Health, Physical Fitness, and Sports.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 with proper ceremonies to meet again September 2, 2006.

Donna Adams
Secretary